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| In re Application: | § | Examiner: Thuan D. Dang |
| David L. Stern | § | Group Art Unit: 1764 |
| Serial No.: 10/661,985 | § | Attorney Docket No.: 2003B094 |
| Filed: September 12, 2003 | § | Date: February 21, 2006 |
| For: Process For Xylene Isomerization and Ethylbenzene Conversion | § | Confirmation No.: 9339 |
| Customer No.: 23455 | § | |

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 15 November 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following Response under Section 37 C.F.R. 1.111. In as much as this Response is filed prior to expiration of period for reply with a one (1) month extension, it should be deemed as filed timely. Notwithstanding, in the event an additional extension of time or required fees are required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1712.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.